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Auction of Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to conduct auction of mines of various minerals like iron ore, bauxite and limestone on behalf of the States;
(b) if so, whether the concerned States have agreed to the said proposal of the Union Government;
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
(d) whether the Union Government has conducted survey for the mines to be auctioned and if so, the number of mines identified for auction in the first phase, State/UT-wise?

Answer

(a) to (c): No Madam. The States will themselves conduct the auction of minerals as per the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957, and Rules framed there under.
(d) : The State Governments have given information in regard to the blocks to be auctioned by them in various meetings and interactions with them. The latest information about the minerals blocks identified to be put up for auction by the respective States is given at annexure.

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Annexure

Number of mines identified for auction in the first phase, State-wise:

State	Blocks to be auctioned in 1st Phase
Gujarat	5 blocks
Madhya Pradesh	5 blocks
Odisha	10 blocks
Jharkhand	3 blocks
Karnataka	15 blocks
Chhattisgarh	5 blocks
Rajasthan	11 blocks
Maharashtra	9 blocks
Total	63 blocks